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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, but is filed before the mailing date of a final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, before the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application and is accompanied by a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

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PART II: Information Cited

Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

Applicants hereby make the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed copy of a Chinese Office Action, from corresponding Chinese Patent Application No. 200580005293.1, dated March 14, 2008. An English language translation of the Chinese Office Action is also enclosed.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the concurrently filed form:

CN 1249698A appears to be directed to predicting logarithmic reduction values of which the corresponding WO 98/53902 has already been cited in an IDS in this application. No English language translation of CN 1249698A is provided.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants make no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants make no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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